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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given

the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office

Action.

Claims 1-12 and 14-19 remain pending. Claims 1-6, 12, 14-15, 17, and 19 have

been allowed. Claims 7-11, 16, and 18 currently stand rejected.

Double Patenting

Claims 7-11, 16, and 18 were provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory

obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No.

8,021,304. A terminal disclaimer is filed with this response. Withdrawal of the rejection

of claims 7-11, 16, and 18 is respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is

in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is

determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is

invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite

prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge

same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No.: NIHE-40635.

Respectfully submitted,

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